

## Andrew Jackson to Sarah Yorke Jackson, January 5, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**TO MRS. ANDREW JACKSON, JR.**

Washington, January 5, 1834.

*My dear sarah*, I have this morning received your affectionate letter of the 21st ultimo, and the inclemency of the day (it is snowing) has prevented me from going to church, gives me leisure to reply to it.

My health, altho not good, has been improving for the last two days, how long before I may again be visitted with a return of my distressing head ache, I cannot tell. I have this morning put on a medicated Hare skin prescribed to me by Mr. Schnider, the original inventor and preparer. They are recommended to be worn for affections of the chest, and pulmonary complaints, Astma, coughs, colds, and dyspepsia etc. With a hope of benefit from their use I have this morning put one on with the hare next the skin.

I am truly delighted to hear of the improved health and appearance of our dear little Rachel and that she has cut two of her jaw teeth. we have a right now to hope that she has passed the dangerous stage of teething in which so many children are lost, and have a right to hope as providence has sustained her thro this trying scene that he will protect her and raise her up as a comfort to its parents in their declining years, and blessing and comfort to us all whilst living; but whilst we are thankful for the gift of this charming child let us not forget how thankful we ought to be to him who gave her, and how earnest we ought to supplicate a throne of grace for her preservation and that she may live to become an ornament to society, and a true deciple of her blessed saviour. I have compared your

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discription of her with her likeness here, it must be a perfect likeness, and altho she bears a strong resemblance of her father, there is still a stronger resemblance to yourself. may heavens choicest blessing rest upon her, and may she grow and become every thing we wish her—kiss the dear little one for me. . . .